











## A BUBBLE PUMP AND JET REACTOR, COAXIAL AND PERIPHERAL GAS INJECTION PUMPS COMPARISON OF PHYSICAL DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS BETWEEN

COMMENTS	Coaxiality with outlet flow is almost a must to obtain some decent flow velocity.	The gas generates its own convergent/ divergent fluid/gas outlet nozzle, optimizing performance.	Inlet flow coaxiality increases the pump efficiency even further.	Sonic flow reduces bubbles' diameter, increases gas residence time in the fluid, and converts pressure energy into velocity that gets transmitted to the fluid almost doubling the pump flow performance.	The peripheral design provides the most energy with minimum losses and maximum gas momentum transfer to the liquid.
PERIPHERAL FIGS. 15, 16, AND 19 THRU 23	Coaxial with outlet flow* 0° to 15°		Coaxial with gas flow	Sonic	Gas pressure energy + static head
COAXIAL-COAXIAL FIGS. 1 THRU 14 & 17	Coaxial with outlet flow	٠. ٠	Coaxial with gas flow	Sonic	Gas pressure energy + static head
COAXIAL PAT. # 5,863,314	Coaxial with outlet flow		Perpendicular to gas flow	Sonic	Gas pressure energy + static head - inlet fluid losses
BUBBLE PUMP	Perpendicular to outlet flow	·	Perpendicular to gas flow	Low subsonic	Static head available - gas/flow shock losses - inlet losses
FEATURE	Gas input direction		Liquid inlet direction	Maximum gas velocity	Energy conversion to fluid flow

FEATURE CHARACTERISTIC	BUBBLE PUMP	COAXIAL PAT. # 5,863,314	COAXIAL-COAXIAL FIGS. 1 THRU 14 & 17	PERIPHERAL FIGS. 15, 16, AND 19 THRU 23	COMMENTS
Nozzle configuration	Subsonic	Sonic	Sonic	Sonic	Only possible with coaxial or peripheral nozzle orientation.
Number of nozzles	<b>.</b>	1 or more	1 or more	2 or more	Increased number of nozzles reduces the bubble diameter, improving degassing performance.
Number of fluid inlets	1	2 or more	l or more	1	Simplicity of manufacture, pumping to lower fluid levels.
Inlet to outlet pressure ratio maximum	P <sub>2</sub> < 1.30	P <sub>2</sub> <1.72	$\frac{P_1}{P_2}$ < 1.72	$\frac{P_{1-}}{P_{2}}$ < 1.72	Higher permissible pressure ratios provide for larger inlet pressure range selection and flow variation selection.
Desorption efficiency (degassing)	Poor D <sub>o</sub> < 0.05	Good $D_0 < 0.15$	Good $D_o < 0.20$	Very good $D_{\rm O} < 0.25$	D <sub>o</sub> is a function of: a) gas velocity, b) bubble diameter, c) total gas flow. d) Bubble Residence Time (see Fig. 5).
Outlet fluid velocity (max) @ 20.5 in. head	Poor V <sub>o</sub> < 2.50 ft/sec	Good V <sub>o</sub> > 3.30 ft/sec	Good V <sub>o</sub> > 3.60 ft/sec	Very good V <sub>o</sub> > 4.25 ft/sec	See Fig. 4. This suggests that the gas momentum a liquid/gas outlet nozzle generates an increase in performance equivalent to having two bubble pumps of equal diameter.

	COMMENTS	the conduit becomes gassaturated sooner when large bubbles are formed and their expansion reduces the fluid-to-gas volume ratio (see Fig. 4.			
	PERIPHERAL FIGS. 15, 16, AND 19 THRU 23	100 GPM+ @ 3" diameter pipe	Any direction		
	COAXIAL-COAXIAL FIGS. 1 THRU 14 & 17	70 GPM+ @ 3" diameter pipe	Any direction		
	COAXIAL PAT. # 5,863,314	65 GPM @ 3" diameter pipe	Any direction		
	BUBBLE PUMP	55 GPM @ 3" diameter pipe	Incline/down-up	-	
•	FEATURE CHARACTERISTIC	Saturation flow	Pumping direction		

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